5. Mizoram - The tribal areas of the State - Phased separation of judiciary has already been taken up by constituting separate Judicial Service and separate Courts buildings.

6. Nagaland - The whole of the state - The State Government decided on 05.7.94 to separate the judiciary from executive and steps are being taken to implement the decision.

Protection of Life of Fishermen

656. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Government policy to protest the lives of the fishermen going in for deep sea-fishing; and

(b) the steps taken to protect them from this danger?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). The policy of the Government envisages protection of the fishing community from the vagaries of the climate and accidents through various suitable measures. In pursuance of the above policy following measures have been taken by the Government to protect the lives of the Fishermen Community :

(i) Under the Merchant Shipping Act 1958, as amended in 1987, every Indian fishing vessel when going to sea from any port or place in India, is required to be provided :

- if the vessel is of twenty-four metres or more in length and is operating beyond the contiguous zone, with a certificated skipper grade I and a certificated mate of a fishing vessel;
- if the vessel is of twenty-four metres or more in length and is operating within the contiguous zone, with a certificated skipper grade II and a certificated mate of a fishing vessel;
- if the vessel is of less than twenty-four metres in length and is operating beyond the contiguous zone, with a certificated skipper grade II and a certificated mate of a fishing vessel.
- if the vessel is less than twenty-four metres in length and is operating within the contiguous zone, with a certificated skipper grade II.
- if the vessel has a propulsion power of 750 KW or more, with at least one engineer of a fishing vessel, who shall be designated as chief engineer and one engine driver of a fishing vessel;
- if the vessel has a propulsion power of 350 KW or more but less than 750 KW, with at least one engineer of a fishing vessel who shall be designated as chief engineer;
- if the vessel has a propulsion power of less than 350 KW, with at least one engine driver of a fishing vessel who shall be designated as engineer-in-charge.

(ii) It has been made mandatory for all fishing vessels plying in or proceeding to sea, to have the prescribed life saving appliances and fire fighting appliances.

(iii) The Indian Meteorological Department has a well established organisational set up for observing, detecting, tracking and forecasting cyclones and issuing cyclone warnings whenever a cyclonic storm develops in the sea

Gangotri Glacier Belt

657. SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH :
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the report of recent survey by the Environmental Scientists captioned "Perennial Gangotri to Perish, predicts survey", appearing in 'Pioneer', dated November 1, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Government have prepared any action plan to arrest the process of weathering of the Gangotri Clacier belt; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Environmental Clearance

658. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to